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Entitled: MULTISPECIES FOOD TESTING AND CHARACTERIZATION  
Applicant: Andrew K. Benson  
Attorney Docket No.: 101997-5

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1. Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2000;
2. Request for One-Month Extension of Time;
3. A check in the amount of \$110.00 representing the extension fee;
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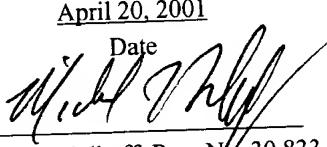
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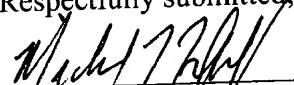
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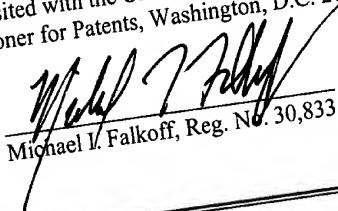
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

To the Assistant Commissioner:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2000. A Request for One Month Extension and fee are filed herewith, extending the period for response to April 20, 2001, so this Response is timely. If the Assistant Commissioner finds that any further fee or deficiency is due, it may be charged to Deposit Account 141449.

Please amend the application as set forth below.